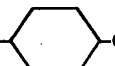


number to the description of R and R₁. Please compare, e.g., "Morphology and Physical Properties of Polyether-Ester Thermoplastic Elastomers" Buck, W. H., et al, J. Polymer Science: Symposium No. 48, 47-60 (1974).

The description of R₁ in the specification and in Claim 6 (amended) has also been amended by adding the formula

"-CH₂--CH₂-".

This formula is obtained from 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol. Support for this amendment is in the specification as filed, e.g., on page 6 lines 29 to 30. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment should therefore not now be considered new matter.

Claim 6 has been amended to independent claim form. It essentially incorporates all the limitations of Claim 1 as filed together with the amendments discussed above. Claims 2 to 4 and 7 are amended to be dependent on Claim 6 (amended).

In an Office Action dated June 22, 1979 (Paper No. 4) the Examiner commented that a drawing depicting the subject matter of Claims 6 and 7 was required. In a response Letter dated September 20, 1979 the Applicant respectfully requested that the Examiner's comments on the drawing requirement be held in abeyance. The Applicant now respectfully traverses the Examiner's comments relating to a drawing.

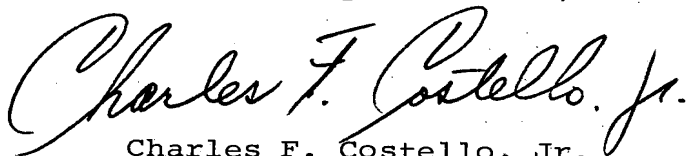
The Applicant respectfully submits that a drawing illustrating Claims 6 and 7 is not necessary. Please see 35 USC 113, Drawings; and specifically 37 CFR 1.81(a), Drawings required. Further, the invention in Claim 6 is a surgical suture or ligature comprising a particular material or composition of matter. The invention in Claim 7 comprises a sterile enclosure and therein a surgical suture or ligature of Claim 6. It is respectfully submitted that the written description of these inventions in this application are sufficient to enable a person skilled in the art to make and use them. Please see 35 USC 112, Specification; and MPEP 608.02, Drawing. For all

of these reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the requirement for a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81.

CONCLUSION

By this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the specification and claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. A timely notice of this by the Examiner would be greatly appreciated.

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